

VERMEULEN

Wholesale
and Retail
Grocer.

Xmas

.....AT Vermeulen's

We have the largest
assortment ever
brought to Alma.

Good Mixed Candy, 5c
per lb.....
Good Cream Candy, 10c
per lb.....
Largest Line of Fruits.

IN OUR
SHOE
DEPARTMENT
we give each customer one
pair of fine Cream Candy
with every pair of Shoes

H. J.
Vermeulen's.

L. H. HAYT

Our Grocery
Department....

is filled with good
things for the Holi-
days, and our prices
the lowest.

WE ARE SELLING:

Xmas Candy.....5c
Mixed Nuts.....10c
3 quarts Cranberries.....25c
Raisins per lb.....5c
Seeded Raisins per package.....12c
Good Rice per lb.....5c
Clear Pork per lb.....5c
Pure Lard per lb.....8c
McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee
per pkg.....10c
Lion Coffee per pkg.....10c
Arbuckle's Coffee per pkg.....10c
10 bars Santa Claus Soap.....25c
10 bars Lenox Soap.....25c
10 bars Jaxon Soap.....25c

We have some fine stock in
Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Grapes,
etc. for the Christmas trade.

We pay the
highest price for
Farm Produce.

L. H. HAYT,

Near P. O., Alma.

Don't



Buy any Holiday presents
until you have examined
our lines.

We are preparing to
move and must reduce
stock.

B. S. WEBB,
DRUGGIST AND STATIONER

HOME and VICINITY.

Smoke "The Alma."
Veal loaf at P. T. Banghart's.
Go to L. H. Hayt's for Holiday goods.
Mrs. M. Scullen spent Sunday in Wy-
man.
Rev. J. Clizbe preached in Pontiac last
Sunday.
Christmas candy five cents per lb. at
L. H. Hayt's.
C. L. & G. M. Delavan are still in the
shoe business.
Call and see the Xmas novelties at
Miss C. E. Smith's.
Print wrappers, waist lined for 75c
at Opdyke & Co.'s.
Don't forget the grand Choral Concert
next Tuesday evening.
J. B. Tubbs & Son shipped two car-
loads of hogs last Saturday.
Leave your order at P. T. Banghart's
for one of those nice fat turkeys.
Try our Leader coffee "new process"
roast at C. L. & G. M. Delavan's.
This is the season for presents. Get
one at the art sale at Prof. J. T. Ewing's.
C. E. Fink of Lansing came last Fri-
day to spend a few days with his son,
Geo. Fink.

Miss Sarah Moore went to Ashley
Tuesday for a short visit with her sister,
Mrs. Kaufman.
Ray Turk left Wednesday for New
York to take a post-graduate course in
the Medical college.

A handsome Christmas souvenir given
to every purchaser of men and women's
shoes at F. E. Pollasky's.

Opdyke & Co. sell the celebrated Am-
sterdam fabric gloves, best made, best
wearing and lowest price.

O. P. Fletcher of Delta, O., returned
home Monday from a short business
visit with Bert Woodward.

A good boy wanted to learn the trade.
None need apply unless they mean busi-
ness. Also a girl to learn to set type.

Leberwurst, bologna, frankfurts,
pressed beef, Vienna and pork sausage
constantly on hand at J. B. Parker's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spinney and Mr.
and Mrs. Ed. Hannah visited at the
home of James Kress in Ithaca Monday
evening.

Win Wilson has a new adv. this week.
He will make a specialty on Christmas
luxuries and has an excellent line at
prices to suit.

Owing to the great sorrow that has
come to one of their number, the Alpha
Thetas have postponed their public till
some time after the holidays.

M. J. Bogardus left Tuesday for Port-
land, Ore., where his son Philo lies very
sick. A message to Mrs. Bogardus says
the fever has taken a turn for the better.

The new steel rod hitching posts in
front of the Church and Vermeulen
blocks are a valuable addition. Would
that all the business men would do like-
wise.

Lumon Gee left Saturday for La Plan-
ta, Md., where he will remain for a time
before locating. The family are visit-
ing in Breckenridge and other places be-
fore joining the husband and father.

A. J. Dingman has purchased of B.
W. Ellison the lot 70ft. deep east of
his store and occupied by Justice Dun-
ham's office and C. A. Gray's jewelry
store, for \$1,000 and expects soon to
erect a fine brick block for his dry goods
store.

Jacob Hirschowitz of Johannesburg,
South Africa, who has been book-keeper
for a large produce exchange for some
time, arrived in Alma yesterday. He
will remain with his people and have
charge of the business at The Saginaw
Store.

J. L. Miller has bought the lot and
building just east of his bazaar store of
Geo. Fink. It is expected now that Mr.
Miller and Dr. Lancashire will act to-
gether and put up a fine brick block
where the two wooden buildings now
stand.

The ladies of St. John's church made
a grand success of their bazaar Wednes-
day, clearing \$240 altogether from the
sale of holiday goods, supper and the
Klondike entertainment. Klondike
ideal and realistic was the feature which
distinguished the bazaar from former
years and was very attractive.

Bennett's up-to-date bakery and con-
fections, headquarters for Christmas
candies, nuts, etc., new goods arriving
daily. Special attention given to large
orders for Sunday Schools and private
Christmas tree assortment. In our
bakery department you can get by leav-
ing early orders, most anything you wish
including a large assortment of pies,
anything you wish; also loaf cake, layer
cake, fruit cake, and angel food. Pure
ice cream, ices and brick cream a
specialty. Yours for business,
S. L. BENNETT.

"CENTRAL"

BARGAINS

in the New Double Store.

Men's Suits * Boys' Suits * Children's Suits

AT A BIG DISCOUNT.

See us in the New Block.

Smoke the "J. C. B."
For choice, pure milk, Price takes the
lead.

Ladies go to Delavan's and see those
new skirts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed were in Sag-
inaw Tuesday.

Opdyke & Co. sell \$1.25 quality fleeced
wrappers for 98c.

L. H. Hayt carries a fine line of gold
and fountain pens.

Get a nice juicy roast at Banghart's
for Sunday dinner.

Harry Moore went to Mt. Pleasant
Monday on business.

Fine photographs by Goupil at the
art sale for little money.

If you like good music attend the
Choral Concert Dec. 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright were in
Detroit the first of the week.

Special prices on capes and jackets for
holiday gifts at Opdyke & Co.'s.

Mrs. R. C. Ely was the guest of Sag-
inaw friends a few days this week.

Be sure to test that Bancroft House
Mocha and Java at Wright & Willard's.

Miss Jessie Tales of Owosso is visiting
her mother, Mrs. G. E. Hutchings this
week.

Weston wants wood in exchange for
a lady's bicycle and a breech loading
shot gun.

Full line of turkeys, chickens, ducks
and oysters for Christmas at J. B.
Parker's.

Buy a pair of shoes of H. J. Vermeu-
len and get a pound of fancy cream
candy free.

Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. J.
T. Ewing next Monday, topic, "Greater
New York."

Rev. J. V. N. Hartness of Lansing
called on his niece, Miss Maude Bishop
at the college Monday.

Confirmation Class will meet at St.
John's church this evening at 7:30. All
are requested to be present.

Washington correspondents say W. S.
Turk is in that city assisting W. A.
Leet in the Ithaca post office fight.

F. E. Pollasky will give to purchasers
of men and women's shoes, boxes of
choice French creams during holiday
week.

A. J. Dingman has a new adv. in this
issue. Look it over and remember he is
sure to please you in anything in his
line both in quality and price.

Miss McMannis began teaching school
one and one-half miles south of Elwell
last Monday. She will not be in college
any more this year but expects to return
next fall and continue her course.

Miss Ella Watson and Master Young
Bowman of Breckenridge, and S. Ken-
nedy and M. Dreydoff of St. Louis
were in Alma Saturday to rehearse for
the concert which Prof. Nicoud will
give December 30.

Mrs. Jacob Hoovler, northwest of town
was adjudged insane at the Probate
court last week Thursday and is being
cared for at the county jail till arrange-
ments can be made for her at the
Traverse City asylum.

Alma Chapter No. 123, R. A. M.
elected officers Monday evening as fol-
lows: M. Pollasky, H. P.; E. A.
Bivins, K.; L. H. Hayt, S.; Ferd Monti-
gel, O. of H.; J. M. Montigel, P. S.;
Geo. S. Young, Sec'y; G. S. Ward,
Treas.; S. W. Tinker, R. A. C.; J. B.
Tubbs, M. of 3rd V.; D. P. Struble, M. of
2nd V.; Fred Fronsche, M. of 1st V.;
Isaac Russel, Sentinel.

The Wm. Moyer Post No. 152, G. A.
R. elected the following officers last Sat-
urday evening: J. J. Trott, Com.; O. A.
Sharp, S. V. Com.; H. L. Mapes, J. V.
Com.; A. Pickett, Surgeon; E. N. Chad-
wick, Chaplain; Geo. Willard, I. M. E.
Robinson, O. D.; Wm. Cooper, O. G.;
J. Talley, G.; Wm. Gargett, Adj. V.
M. Wilson was chosen delegate to State
Encampment and O. A. Sharp, alternate.

The RECORD is somewhat encroached
upon by advertisers just now, but the
announcements are of a nature which
should make them interesting to every
reader. Are buying will probably be
done during the next two weeks that has
been done in any holiday season for
several years past, and everybody is con-
cerned in knowing where and what the
bargains are.

A praise service was held at the Pres-
byterian church last Sunday evening at
which the hymns of the cross were con-
sidered, and especially "Rock of Ages."
Miss Winnifred Trapp gave a very in-
teresting paper on "A. M. Toplady,"
author of this hymn, which was replete
with quotation from his many hymns.
A short sketch of Thomas Hastings,
composer of the music to "Rock of Ages,"
was also given. Altogether it was an
interesting and profitable service and it
is Dr. Brucke's plan to have a similar
service once a month.

Christmas holly at L. H. Hayt's.
Try our home made mince meat, it is
elegant.

Mrs. J. J. Booth returned to Coleman
last Friday.

Opdyke's blanket at 50c is full size
and heavy weight.

Try the "new process" roasted coffee at
C. L. & G. M. Delavan's.

Mrs. Dibble of Ithaca, sister of L. A.
Derry, was buried Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Arnold of Durand is visit-
ing at the home of John Gladding.

John Snyder and wife left Thursday
for an extended visit in Canada and
York state.

Attend the art sale at Prof. J. T.
Ewing's Saturday from 2:30 to 6:00 p. m.
Admission 10 cents.

Vermeulen gives one pound fancy
cream candy free with every pair of
shoes bought at his store.

Sixty-four Christian Endeavorers
enrolled at the convention. One-half of
these were from outside of Alma.

Your wheel stored all winter at West-
on's for \$1.00 or if you get \$4.00 worth of
repairing done the storage is free.

The Rev. T. F. Davies, Bishop of the
diocese of Michigan, will hold service at
St. John's church on Sunday next.

Hear the Choral Society sing "Praise
Ye the Father, with orchestral accom-
paniment at the opera house Dec. 21st.

I have a No. 4 Regular Kodak in per-
fect condition. Cost me \$50, price new,
of Eastman & Co., the same I will sell
for \$20. J. H. LANCASHIRE.

Geo. F. Cooper of Lansing, proprietor
of the Cooper House, came Tuesday for
a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs.
Ed. Weston.

W. C. Clark returned Saturday eve-
ning from a business trip to Detroit
where he purchased a large stock of up-
to-date holiday goods.

H. J. Vermeulen went to Chicago
Monday to purchase his furnishing
goods and a large stock of fancy
groceries for the holiday trade.

Now is your chance to condition your
stock. To introduce the Anglo-Ameri-
can Stock Food, I will sell the large
50c packages for 30c from Dec. 18 to
Dec. 25. GEO. EMERICK.

Funeral services of Mrs. John Dunlap,
mother of Miss Ida Dunlap, formerly of
this place, were held last Sunday in
Summer. Remains were buried in
Summer cemetery.

Monday's papers announced the re-
commendation by Congressman Mesick
of C. F. Brown, editor of the RECORD, for
the post office at Alma, Dr. A. R.
Wheeler at St. Louis and Geo. Raff at
Traverse City.

Fred Hoskins a former St. Louis boy,
of late stenographer to Senator Mc-
Millan at Washington, was buried last
Monday at the latter place. He was a
very able young man and was loved and
respected by all who knew him.

The show window at Pollasky's
Model Shoe Parlor is certainly very
attractive. The mirrored sleigh loads
of shoes are very pretty, as are also the
youths who draw them, but take time to
stop and wish everyone a Merry Chris-
mas and Happy New Year.

The fifth printing of Dr. Mitchell's
novel, "Hugh Wynne," is now under
way, bringing the book up to the
thirtieth thousand. The new story,
"The Adventures of Francois," by the
same author, which is to begin in the
January Century, is a tale of pure adven-
ture, the hero a "founding, adventurer,
juggler, fencing-master, and servant,
during the French Revolution." It
will be illustrated by the French-
American artists, Andre Castaigne.

Alma Court No. 778, I. O. F. elected
the following officers for the ensuing
year: F. Ellicott, C. R.; M. J. Wint,
V. C. R.; M. J. Chapin, P. O. R.; Geo.
Emerrick, R. S.; J. N. Glass, F. S.; W.
Thomas, Treas.; R. Fredricks, S. W.;
J. F. Schwartz, J. W.; H. Fuller, S. B.;
O. D. Abbott, J. B.; P. M. Smith, H. C.
D.; E. A. Bagley, Consulting Physician;
J. F. Schwartz, Alternate; Dr. Bagley
and P. M. Smith, Trustees; J. F.
Schwartz and A. R. Dingman, Finance
Committee.

Some time ago Dr. A. Preston of Evan-
ston, Ill., was brought to the sanitarium
in a very critical condition from Bright's
disease. But the best medical skill was
unavailing and death came last Sat-
urday. His wife and two daughters
were at his bedside but his son, a
business man of St. Louis, Mo.,
was unable to reach Alma in time.
The remains were taken by the after-
noon Ann Arbor train to Boston, Mass.,
for interment. The local K. T. society
acted as honorary escort to the station.
J. H. Lancashire accompanied the be-
rieved family on their sad journey.
Deceased was well known in Chicago as
the city representative of the Pritcher
Lead Works of St. Louis, Mo. He was
but fifty-two years old.

Holiday Goods....

Calore.

Necktie
Glove
Handkerchief
Boxes.
Manicure
Brush and Comb
Sets.

Our elegant line of Purse
bought direct from the
manufacturers can be
sold cheap.

Palmer's Perfumes leads them all.

We have a complete stock with all the popular odors
ROB ROY—OUR JACK—FASHION

BIVINS & RHODES.

Up-to-Date Pharmacy.

GRATIOT COUNTY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. BELL TELEPHONE CALL NO. 7.
POSTAL TELEGRAPH CITY OFFICE.

OPDYKE & CO.

For the benefit of the
Little Folks

Saturday, Dec. 18,

—WE PLACE ON SALE—

50

Bissell's Baby Carpet Sweepers

AT 15¢ EACH.

For other Christmas

Presents we offer

Dress Patterns, Silk Waist Patterns, Jackets,
Capes, Shawls, Hosiery, Underwear, Gloves,
Fascinators and lovely Lace Curtains.

Umbrellas, 50c to \$2.50.

Mackintoshes—best quality—lowest prices.

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PRICE.

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